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Monday, 10 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 59th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

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Main Committees

Second Committee

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1. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources (A/58/75-E/2003/21) . . . . . [103]

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Conclusion of the general discussion

2. Globalization and interdependence (A/58/394, A/58/94-S/2003/642, A/58/204, A/58/390-S/2003/916, A/58/413 and A/58/420) [100]

Introduction and general discussion

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 37th meeting Conference Room 1

Human rights questions . . . . . [117]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/58/118, A/58/118/Corr.1, A/58/121, A/58/181, A/58/181/Add.1, A/58/185, A/58/185/Add.1, A/58/185/Add.2, A/58/186, A/58/212, A/58/255, A/58/257, A/58/261, A/58/266, A/58/268, A/58/275, A/58/276, A/58/276/Add.1, A/58/279, A/58/296, A/58/309, A/58/317, A/58/318, A/58/330, A/58/380 and A/58/533)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/58/219, A/58/448, A/58/127, A/58/427, A/58/379, A/58/334, A/58/218, A/58/338, A/58/534, A/58/325, A/58/393 and A/58/421)

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/58/36)

Dialogue with the Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights and general discussion

3 p.m. 38th meeting Conference Room 1

Human rights questions . . . . . [117]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/58/118, A/58/118/Corr.1, A/58/121, A/58/181, A/58/181/Add.1, A/58/185, A/58/185/Add.1, A/58/185/Add.2, A/58/186, A/58/212, A/58/255, A/58/257, A/58/261, A/58/266, A/58/268, A/58/275, A/58/276, A/58/276/Add.1, A/58/279, A/58/296, A/58/309, A/58/317, A/58/318, A/58/330, A/58/380 and A/58/533)

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(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/58/36)

Introductory statements, dialogue with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia and the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants and general discussion

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m. 18th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Strengthening of the United Nations system . . . . . [59]

Improvements to the current process of planning and budgeting (A/58/395, A/58/395/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.5)

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of the United Nations budgetary process (A/58/375, A/58/395, A/58/395/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.5)

Intergovernmental review of the medium-term plan and the programme budget (A/57/786)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. United Nations common system (A/58/30) . . . . . [126]

Conclusion of general discussion

3. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [121]

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/58/378 and A/58/7/Add.2)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (United Nations common system (A/58/30))

2.30–4.45 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 124 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/58/11, A/58/63, A/56/767 and A/58/189)); 166 (Admission of the International Criminal Court to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/C.5/58/13 and A/58/545)); 130 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services: annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/58/364); Audit of the Headquarters Committee on Contracts (A/58/294); and Review of the structure and operations of the United Nations information centers (A/57/747)); and 120 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (A/58/7/Add.3))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia

3 p.m. . . . . 26th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

General Assembly

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Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.2 entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (agenda item 92) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.6 and A/C.2/58/L.20 entitled "Science and technology for development" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

12 noon–1.15 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.18 entitled "External debt crisis and development" (agenda item 91 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

2–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.17 entitled "International financial system and development" (agenda item 91 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.9 entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development" (agenda item 95) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Second Committee *Panel discussion*

There will be a panel discussion on "Globalization" on Monday, 10 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. Presentations will be made by Professor Paul Krugman, School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University; Professor Jagdish Bhagwati, Arthur Lehman Professor of Economics, Columbia University; Dr. Manuel Orozco, Project Director of Central America for the Inter-American Dialogue; and Mr. Jean Pierre Ouedraogo, Ligue des Consommateurs du Burkina Faso.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org).

Other meetings

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Monday, 10 November 2003

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Rio Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: programme of work; and commodities)*

10.15 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 *(on water; sustainable mountain development; agenda item 94 (a); and United Nations Forum on Forests)*

1–2 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(on humanitarian issues)*

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(on Third Committee issues)*

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on INSTRAW (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

1–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on human rights and terrorism (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Algeria)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The incompatibility between democracy and racism" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ireland)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004" (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Australia)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Access to medication in the context of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria" (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on human rights and mass exoduses (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Dialogue with Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), in cooperation with the International Service for Human Rights, will hold a dialogue with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders, Ms. Hina Jilani, on Monday, 10 November 2003, from 1 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Kindly refer to document A/58/380 for Ms. Jilani's latest report to the General Assembly. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Briefing by the co-sponsors on draft resolutions under agenda item 83 (UNRWA) (A/C.4/58/L.10, A/C.4/58/L.12, A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1 and A/C.4/58/L.15)

There will be a briefing by the co-sponsors on draft resolutions under agenda item 83 (UNRWA) (A/C.4/58/L.10, A/C.4/58/L.12, A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1 and A/C.4/58/L.15) on Monday, 10 November 2003, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chambers. Interested members of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are invited to attend.

Symposia on population and development

The symposia on population and development, organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will continue at Headquarters, as follows:

Symposium III on "Empowerment of Women": Monday, 10 November 2003, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium [*speakers*: H.E. Ms. June Yvonne Clarke, Permanent Representative of Barbados; H.E. Mr. Augustine P. Mahiga, Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania; H.E. Mr. Milos Alcalay, Permanent Representative of Venezuela; and Ms. Susana Galdos Silva, Management Sciences for Health (MSH), Boston; *discussant*: Mr. Jyoti Shankar Singh, Permanent Observer, Partners in Population and Development; *moderator*: Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States]; and

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS": Wednesday, 19 November, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings on Monday, 10 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Monday, 10 November 2003

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 11 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10.30 a.m. 60th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/58/561) [17 (a)]
2. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 11 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

Under agenda item 117:

Tuesday, 11 November 2003, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Theo van Boven (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food); Mr. Paul Hunt (Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health);

Wednesday, 12 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Ms. Marie-Thérèse Aïssata Kéita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi); and Ms. Iulia Motoc (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq); and Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967); and

Thursday, 13 November 2003, at 10 a.m.: Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders); and Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for dialogue, questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

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Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Tuesday, 11 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 275th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Tuesday, 11 November 2003, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html).

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 21 November 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 11, 18 and 26 November 2003, in Conference Room 9; 2 December, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 11 November 2003, in Conference Room B; and from 17 to 21 November, in Conference Room D.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin), on Tuesday, 11 November 2003 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on draft resolution on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

Informal consultations on draft resolution on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106), organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin, will be held on Tuesday, 11 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal meeting on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of India (on behalf of the Group of 77))

There will be an informal meeting on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (agenda item 40 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of India (on behalf of the Group of 77), on Tuesday, 11 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

ILO briefing on international migration

Mr. Patrick Taran, ILO Senior Migration Specialist, will make a presentation on "International Labour Conference 2004: The Next World Conference on Migration – Governance, Rights and Regulation of International Migration", on Tuesday, 11 November 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana María Hermoso (tel. 1 (212) 697-0150, ext. 106).

Group of 77 *(on the strengthening of the United Nations system: an agenda for further change)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the strengthening of the United Nations system: an agenda for further change)* on Tuesday, 11 November 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* to hear a briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Shashi Tharoor, on Wednesday, 12 November 2003, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, on Wednesday, 12 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and on Thursday, 13 November, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Seminar on "Improving the Role of the United Nations in Environmental Governance – National and Regional Approaches" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University)

There will be a seminar on "Improving the Role of the United Nations in Environmental Governance – National and Regional Approaches", organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University, on Friday, 14 November 2003, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (Web site www.ony.unu.edu; email unuona@ony.unu.edu; or tel. 1 (212) 963 6387) [Registration on-line at www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm].

United Nations Development Programme

The second informal consultation on the *Human Development Report 2004* will be held on Monday, 17 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

There will be an informal consultation on the UNIFEM multi-year funding framework 2004-2007 on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures)

There will a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures) on Monday, 17 November 2003, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room A. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

Training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities

A training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Andorra, under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend.

This is the second year of the series, presented under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

United Nations Office for Project Services

There will be an informal consultation on various issues contained in Executive Board decisions 2003/26 and 2003/27, on Monday, 24 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Main Conference Room (4th floor) at UNOPS Headquarters.

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Friday, 7 November 2003

Security Council

4854th (closed) meeting *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 7 November 2003, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 4854th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire (MINUCI).

The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Albert Tevoedjre, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire."

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Main Committees

Second Committee

29th meeting *Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries* . . . . . [102]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cambodia, Mali, Zambia, Pakistan, Burundi, Togo, Haiti, Maldives, the United States, Ethiopia, the Sudan and Bhutan.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Intellectual Property Organization.

The observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 102.

Report of the Economic and Social Council . . . . . [12]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Assistant-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization also made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Belarus, San Marino, Andorra, Mexico, Spain, Peru and the Russian Federation.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.29

At the request of the representative of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), action on the draft resolution was postponed to the next meeting.

30th meeting

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources . . . . . [103]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

An introductory statement was made by the Chief of the Regional Commissions' New York Office.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Yemen, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Pakistan.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Training and research . . . . . [99]

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.28

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Report of the Economic and Social Council . . . . . [12]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.29

The Committee adopted the draft resolution and recommended it to the General Assembly for approval.

A statement was made by the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization.

Third Committee

36th meeting

Advancement of women . . . . . [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.36

The representative of Morocco, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Romania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children . . . . . [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.25/Rev.1

The representative of Namibia introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Algeria, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, China, Mauritius, Seychelles and Thailand.

Barbados, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Jamaica and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of action . . . . . [115 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.34

The representative of Morocco, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

Right of peoples to self-determination. . . . . [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.31

The representative of Pakistan, introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iraq and Somalia.

Romania also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.35

The representative of Egypt, introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed on the document, as well as Andorra, Armenia, Chile, Japan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway and Poland.

Afghanistan, Botswana, Cape Verde, Croatia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Lesotho, Madagascar and Monaco also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights questions. . . . . [117]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

The Committee resumed the general discussion on the item and heard statements by the representatives of Croatia, Myanmar, the Republic of Korea, Australia, Viet Nam, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, China, Bangladesh, the Czech Republic, Pakistan and Indonesia.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion on agenda item 117 (a).

Fifth Committee

17th meeting

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman made a statement regarding the procedure to be followed.

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/58/105 and A/C.5/58/9)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Julio Barboza (Argentina) and Mr. Dayendra Sena Wijewarddan (Sri Lanka) as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004.

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/58/104 and A/C.5/58/8)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly confirm the appointment of Mr. Ahmad Abdullatif (Saudi Arabia), Mr. Fernando Chico

Pardo (Mexico) and J.Y. Pillay (Singapore) as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004.

(c) Board of Auditors (A/58/103 and A/C.5/58/7)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint the First President of the Court of Accounts of France for a six-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2004.

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/58/102, A/58/102/Add.1, A/C.5/58/6 and A/C.5/58/6/Add.1)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr.Haileselassie Getachew (Ethiopia), Mr. Kenshiro Akimoto (Japan), Mr. Meshal Al-Mansour (Kuwait) and Mr. David A. Leis (United States of America) for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004.

The Committee also decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. David Dutton (Australia) as a member of the Committee on Contributions, for a term to replace Mr. Henry Fox (Australia) upon his resignation, beginning on the date of appointment by the General Assembly until 31 December 2004.

The Committee then proceeded to vote, by secret ballot, on the three candidates from the Eastern European States to fill the two vacant seats of that region.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

Eastern European States

Mr. Petru Dumitriu (Romania)	135 votes
Mr. Ihor V. Humenny (Ukraine)	134 votes
Mr. Assen Lliev Zlatanov (Bulgaria)	80 votes

Having obtained the required majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of Mr. Petru Dumitriu (Romania) and Mr. Ihor V. Humenny (Ukraine) as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004.

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/101, A/58/101/Add.1, A/C.5/58/5 and A/58/553)

The Chairman of the Committee informed the Committee of the withdrawal of the candidature of Mr. Seyed Morteza Mirmohammad (Islamic Republic of Iran).

Following a statement by the representative of Sierra Leone, as Chairman of the Group of African States, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania made a statement.

The Committee then decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Andrezj T. Abraszewski (Poland) and Mr. E. Besley Maycock (Barbados) as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004.

The Committee then proceeded to vote, by secret ballot, on the three candidates from the African States to fill the two vacant seats of that region and the three candidates from the Asian States to fill the vacant seat for that region.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

African States

Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana) . . . . . 165 votes

Mr. Manlan Narcisse Ahounou (Côte d'Ivoire) . . . . . 148 votes

Mr. C. S. M. Mselle (United Republic of Tanzania) . . . . . 53 votes

Asian States

Mr. Murari Raj Sharma (Nepal) . . . . . 78 votes

Mr. Sun Joung-yung (Republic of Korea) . . . . . 57 votes

Mr. Felipe Mabilangan (Philippines) . . . . . 49 votes

Having obtained the required majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana) and Mr. Manlan Narcisse Ahounou (Côte d'Ivoire) as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004.

In accordance with rule 93 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, the Committee proceeded to a second round of secret balloting for the Group of Asian States.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

Asian States

Mr. Murari Raj Sharma (Nepal) . . . . . 113 votes

Mr. Sun Joung-yung (Republic of Korea) . . . . . 72 votes

Having obtained the required majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of Mr. Murari Raj Sharma (Nepal) as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004.

The representative of Norway made a statement after the elections.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Montego Bay, 10 December 1982

Ratification: Canada (7 November 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. New York, 28 July 1994

Ratification: Canada (7 November 2003)[1]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Long-term Financing of the Co-operative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP). Geneva, 28 September 1984

Accession: Lithuania (7 November 2003)[1]

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Acceptance: Lithuania (7 November 2003)[1]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Lithuania (7 November 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the DPI/NGO briefing will be a DPI/NGO Communications Workshop on "United Nations and Civil Society: Communications Issues"; to be held on Thursday, 13 November 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 2003 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sierra Leone
H.E. Mr. Joe Robert Pemagbi

Asian States:
Philippines
H.E. Mr. Lauro Baja, Jr.

Eastern European States:
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Mr. Dimce Nikolov
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Cuba
H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla

Western European and other States:
Finland
H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi

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A/58/40 (Vol. I)	Report of the Human Rights Committee — Volume I — Seventy-sixth session (14 October-1 November 2002) — Seventy-seventh session (17 March-4 April 2003) — Seventy-eighth session (14 July-8 August 2003) — Supplement No. 40 [A C E F R S]
A/58/44	Report of the Committee against Torture — Twenty-ninth session (11-22 November 2002) — Thirtieth session (28 April-16 May 2003) — Supplement No. 44 [A C E F R S]
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A/58/PV.18	Meeting held on 30 September 2003, 3 p.m. [A]

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A/58/250/Add.2	Organization of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items — Third report of the General Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/416-S/2003/947	Items 37 and 38 — The situation in the Middle East — Question of Palestine — Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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A/58/534	Item 117 (c) — Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/553	Item 17 (a) — Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions — Letter dated 6 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
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	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
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A/C.2/58/L.29	Item 12 — Report of the Economic and Social Council — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Second Committee on the basis of informal consultations — Agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

A/C.3/58/L.37 Item 112 — Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions — South Africa: draft resolution — Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa [A C E F R S]

Fifth Committee

A/C.5/58/INF/1 Membership of the Fifth Committee [E F (Bilingual)]

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S/2003/937/Add.1 Letter dated 28 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

A/58/416-S/2003/947 Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

S/2003/1044 Letter dated 27 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/2003/1069 Second report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire [A C E F R S]

S/2003/1071 Letter dated 5 November 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities

S/AC.37/2003/(1455)/73/Corr.1 Note verbale dated 24 September 2003 from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Committee [A C E F R S]

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E/2003/INF/2/Add.4 Resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003 (30 June-25 July 2003) [A C E F R S]

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E/C.2/2003/2/Add.11 Quadrennial reports, 1998-2001, submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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Ad Hoc Expert Group on Approaches and Mechanisms for monitoring, Assessment and Reporting

E/CN.18/AC.1/2003/1 Provisional agenda and annotations [A C E F R S]

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2. Security Council mission

   Report of the Security Council mission to Afghanistan from 31 October to 7 November 2003

Morning[1] — 4856th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

   Report of the Security Council on the situation in Somalia (S/2003/987)

Morning[2] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Côte d'Ivoire (S/2003/1069)

Other matters

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities

3 p.m.[3] — 21st meeting (closed) — Conference Room 7

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 4855th meeting.

[2] To be held following the adjournment of the 4856th meeting.

[3] The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations in Conference Room 7, immediately following the meeting.

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10.30 a.m. 60th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/58/561) [17 (a)]

2. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

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   Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.9/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.10, A/C.4/58/L.11, A/C.4/58/L.12, A/C.4/58/L.13, A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.15, A/C.4/58/L.16 and A/C.4/58/L/22

2. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [84]

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Second Committee

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3–4.30 p.m. 33rd meeting Conference Room 2

1. Address by the President of the fifth-eighth session of the General Assembly (A/58/555)

2. Globalization and interdependence (A/58/394, A/58/94-S/2003/642, A/58/204, A/58/390-S/2003/916, A/58/413 and A/58/420) [100]

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3. Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development [104]

   (a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

   (b) High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

   (A/58/3 (Parts I and II), A/58/77-E/2003/62, A/58/77/Add.1-E/2003/62/Add.1, A/58/77/Add.2-E/2003/62/Add.2, A/58/216, A/58/436, A/58/413, A/58/437 and A/58/542)

   Introduction and general discussion

Third Committee

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1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [112]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.39, A/C.3/58/L.40 and A/C.3/58/L.41

2. Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [116]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.32

3. Human rights questions . . . . . [117]

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/58/118, A/58/118/Corr.1, A/58/121, A/58/181, A/58/181/Add.1, A/58/185, A/58/185/Add.1, A/58/185/Add.2, A/58/186, A/58/212, A/58/255, A/58/257, A/58/261, A/58/266, A/58/268, A/58/275, A/58/276, A/58/276/Add.1, A/58/279, A/58/296, A/58/309, A/58/317, A/58/318, A/58/330, A/58/380, A/58/533 and A/C.3/58/9)

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/58/219, A/58/448, A/58/127, A/58/427, A/58/379, A/58/334, A/58/218, A/58/338, A/58/534, A/58/325, A/58/393, A/58/421 and A/C.3/58/6)

   (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/58/36)

   Introductory statements, dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons, and general discussion

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Human rights questions . . . . . [117]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/58/118, A/58/118/Corr.1, A/58/121, A/58/181, A/58/181/Add.1, A/58/185, A/58/185/Add.1, A/58/185/Add.2, A/58/186, A/58/212, A/58/255, A/58/257, A/58/261, A/58/266, A/58/268, A/58/275, A/58/276, A/58/276/Add.1, A/58/279, A/58/296, A/58/309, A/58/317, A/58/318, A/58/330, A/58/380, A/58/533 and A/C.3/58/9)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/58/219, A/58/448, A/58/127, A/58/427, A/58/379, A/58/334, A/58/218, A/58/338, A/58/534, A/58/325, A/58/393, A/58/421 and A/C.3/58/6)

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/58/36)

Introductory statements, dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the right to food and the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, and general discussion

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (United Nations common system (A/58/30, A/58/378 and A/58/7/Add.2))	
2.30–4.45 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Part IV: International cooperation for development (A/58/6 (Sect. 9), (A/58/6 (Sect. 10), A/58/6 (Sect. 11), A/58/6 (Sect. 12), A/58/6 (Sect. 13)/Add.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 14), A/58/6/Corr.1, A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/16))	

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	275th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.4 entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.10 entitled "International Strategy for Disaster Reduction" (agenda item 94 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

10 a.m.–12 noon	Closed meeting	Room S-2963D

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.6 and A/C.2/58/L.20 entitled "Science and technology for development" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.7 entitled "Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa; and A/C.2/58/L.15 entitled "International Year of Deserts and Desertification, 2004 (agenda item 94 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Nigeria)

12 noon–2 p.m.	Closed meeting	Room S-2963D

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.5 entitled "Human resources development" (agenda item 93 (b)); A/C.2/58/L.23 entitled "Public administration and development" (agenda item 12); and A/C.2/58/L.27 entitled "Women in development" (agenda item 93 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

2–5 p.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on General Assembly resolution A/57/270 B entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields" (agenda item 50) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.14 entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind" (agenda item 94 (f)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

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Other meetings

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JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: water, and sustainable development)*

10–11.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: commodities, corruption, cyber security, and programme of work)*

10.15 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: programme of work; and other issues)*

1.30–3 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on the strengthening of the United Nations system: an agenda for further change; and innovative financial mechanisms to strengthen democratic governance)*

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on globalization; and other issues)*

5.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

11–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal meeting on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of India (on behalf of the Group of 77))

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The right to development" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement))

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on human rights defenders (agenda item 117 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway)

3–4.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

ILO briefing on international migration

Mr. Patrick Taran, ILO Senior Migration Specialist, will make a presentation on "International Labour Conference 2004: The Next World Conference on Migration – Governance, Rights and Regulation of International Migration", *today*, 11 November 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana María Hermoso (tel. 1 (212) 697-0150, ext. 106).

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 11 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm

Tuesday, 11 November 2003

Room S-226

12.45 p.m. Dr. Jacob Kumaresan, President of the International Trachoma Initiative (ITI); Dr. Hank McKinnell, Chief Executive Officer, Pfizer, Inc.; Dr. Fouad Hammadi, General Secretary of the Ministry of Health of Morocco; Dr. Fabrizio Bassani, Director-General of the World Health Organization; and Mr. Gourisankar Ghosh, Executive Director, Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (on the International Trachoma Initiative) (Web site www.hoffmanpr.com/Press_Releases/press_releases.html)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 12 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

Under agenda item 117:

Wednesday, 12 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Ms. Marie-Thérèse Aïssata Keïta-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi); and Ms. Iulia Motoc (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq); and Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967); and

Thursday, 13 November 2003, at 10 a.m.: Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders); and Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for dialogue, questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations, on Wednesday, 12 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and on Friday, 14 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html).

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 21 November 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 *(Second Committee: water, and sustainable mountain development)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Second Committee: water, and sustainable mountain development)* on Wednesday, 12 November 2003, from 9.30 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 3.

Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* to hear a briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Shashi Tharoor, on Wednesday, 12 November 2003, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Toward global partnerships" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Wednesday, 12 November 2003, from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, on Wednesday, 12 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and on Thursday, 13 November, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Panel discussion on "Monitoring and Reporting of Children's Rights in Armed Conflict"

There will be a panel discussion on "Monitoring and Reporting of Children's Rights in Armed Conflict", co-sponsored by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict, on Wednesday 12 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, Mr. John Dugard; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ms. Iulia Motoc; and the Coordinator of the Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict, Ms Julia Freedson. The panel will be moderated by Ms. Karin Landgren, Director, Child Protection, UNICEF. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Access to medication in the context of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria" (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Access to medication in the context of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria" (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, will be held on Wednesday, 12 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International assistance and cooperation towards the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America" (agenda item 40 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Panama (on behalf of the Central American Group))

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International assistance and cooperation towards the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America" (agenda item 40 (b)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Panama (on behalf of the Central American Group), on Thursday, 13 November 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Panel discussion on "Human Rights and Terrorism"

There will be a panel discussion on "Human Rights and Terrorism", organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Thursday 13 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The speakers will be the Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bertrand Ramcharan; the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights defenders, Ms. Hina Jilani; the Special Rapporteur on the question of torture, Mr. Theo van Boven; and the representative of Amnesty International, Ms. Yvonne Terlingen. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster" (agenda item 40 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster" (agenda item 40 (c)), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, on Thursday, 13 November 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Seminar on "Improving the Role of the United Nations in Environmental Governance – National and Regional Approaches" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University)

There will be a seminar on "Improving the Role of the United Nations in Environmental Governance – National and Regional Approaches", organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University, on Friday, 14 November 2003, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (Web site www.ony.unu.edu; email unuona@ony.unu.edu; or tel. 1 (212) 963 6387) [Registration on-line at www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm].

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* from 17 to 21 November 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 18 and 26 November 2003, in Conference Room 9; 2 December, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

United Nations Development Programme

The second informal consultation on the *Human Development Report 2004* will be held on Monday, 17 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

There will be an informal consultation on the UNIFEM multi-year funding framework 2004-2007 on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures)

There will a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures) on Monday, 17 November 2003, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room A. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

Training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities

A training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Andorra, under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Symposia on population and development

The symposia on population and development, organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will continue at Headquarters, as follows:

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS": Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend.

This is the second year of the series, presented under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

United Nations Office for Project Services

There will be an informal consultation on various issues contained in Executive Board decisions 2003/26 and 2003/27, on Monday, 24 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Main Conference Room (4th floor) at UNOPS Headquarters.

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Monday, 10 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

59th plenary meeting

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/392) [20]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea and Guyana.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 20.

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: third report of the General Committee (A/58/250/Add.2) [8]

The General Assembly decided on the recommendation of the General Committee, to defer the item entitled "Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte" to its fifty-ninth session and to include it in the provisional agenda of that session.

Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [36]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-ninth session.

University for Peace [25]; *Culture of peace* [44]: joint debate

(a) Report of the Secretary General (A/58/430)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/58/182)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/58/L.13, A/58/L.14 and A/58/L.16)

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.14.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement, in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/58/L.16.

The representative of the Philippines made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/13.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Zahid Hamid, Member of the Parliament of Pakistan, as well by the representatives of the Lebanon, El Salvador (on behalf of the Central American Countries), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Jamaica.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 32nd plenary meeting, on 15 October 2003, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

The representative of Kazakhstan made a statement.

The President announced that, at the request of the sponsor, action on draft resolution A/58/L.13 would be taken at a later date, to be announced.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/58/L.14 and A/58/L.16 (resolutions 58/11 and 58/12).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 25 and 44.

Elections to fill vacancy in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of twenty-nine members of the United Nations Environment Programme [16 (b)]

Since the number of candidates endorsed by the African States, the Asian States, the Eastern Europe States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western Europe and other States was equal to the number of seats allocated to each of those regions, the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ghana, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, the Netherlands, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Sweden, Turkey, Tuvalu, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Republic of Tanzania were declared elected members of Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004.

Follow-up to the United Nations Year of Cultural Heritage: draft resolution (A/58/L.11) [42]

The representative of Egypt made a statement, in the course of which he introduced a revision to draft resolution A/58/L.11.

The President informed the General Assembly that, at the request of the sponsors, action on draft resolution A/58/L.11, as orally revised, would be taken at a later date, to be announced.

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 43rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see Journal No. 2003/207, p. 19): the text relating to agenda item 60 (Follow-up on the outcome of the Millennium Summit) should read as follows:

Follow-up on the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/58/L.5) [60]

The representative of China made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.5.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Group 77 and China), the Russian Federation, Brazil, India, Cuba, Thailand and Pakistan.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/58/L.5 (resolution 58/3).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of consideration of agenda item 60.

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 56th plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see Journal No. 2003/214, p. 14):

(a) The text relating to agenda item 27 (Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic) should read as follows:

Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [27]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/265)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.12)

The representative of Argentina, also on behalf of Angola, Benin, Brazil, Cape Verde, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Ghana, Liberia, Namibia, Sierra Leone, Togo and Uruguay, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.12.

The representative of Nigeria made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/58/L.12 (resolution 58/10).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 27.

(b) The following text should be added:

Programme of work

The President informed the members that, at the request of the Francophone countries, consideration of agenda item 61 (Multilinguism), originally scheduled for Monday, 10 November 2003, in the morning, was postponed to March 2004.

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 4th meeting of the General Committee (see Journal No. 2003/215, p. 13): the text relating to agenda item 8 (Organization of work of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items) should read as follows:

Organization of work of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [8]; *question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte*

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Gabon, at his request, to take a place at the Committee's table.

The representative of Gabon made a statement.

The representative of Luxembourg made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that this item be deferred to the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly and that it be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

Main Committees

Second Committee

31st meeting

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Qatar, Jordan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and Tunisia.

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

The observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference also made a statement.

Globalization and interdependence [100]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

Third Committee

37th meeting

Human rights questions [117]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representative

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee began its joint consideration of the sub-items and heard an introductory statement by the Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Committee engaged in a dialogue with the Acting High Commissioner, in which the following the delegations of the following countries took part: Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Italy, Pakistan, Tunisia, Japan, Cuba and Algeria.

The Committee then began its general discussion of sub-items 117 (b), (c) and (e) and heard statements by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the United States, Mozambique, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Nauru, Pakistan, Qatar, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates and the United States), Uruguay (also on behalf of the MERCOSUR countries, as well as Bolivia and Chile), Saudi Arabia, Ecuador and Canada.

38th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-items 117 (b), (c) and (e) and heard introductory statements by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants. An introductory statement under sub-item 117 (b) by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights was distributed to the Committee.

The Committee engaged in a dialogue with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, in which the representatives of Cambodia and Italy (on behalf of the European Union) took part.

The Committee also engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur, in which the delegations of the following countries took part: Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Canada, Mexico and Burkina Faso.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the list of speakers for sub-items 117 (b), (c) and (e) would be closed on Thursday, 13 November, at 1 p.m.

The Committee was also reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under the sub-items was Monday, 17 November, at 6 p.m.

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 36th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2003/216, p. 15): The paragraph under *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.31* should read as follows:

The representative of Pakistan introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iraq and Somalia.

Armenia also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Fifth Committee

18th meeting

Strengthening of the United Nations system . . . . . [59]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Improvements to the current process of planning and budgeting (A/58/395, A/58/395/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.5)

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of the United Nations budgetary process (A/58/375, A/58/395, A/58/395/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.5)

Intergovernmental review of the medium-term plan and the programme budget (A/57/786)

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland and Liechtenstein), Nepal, the Russian Federation, China and Cuba.

The Controller made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

United Nations common system (A/58/30) . . . . . [126]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213, the representative of the Global Staff Association of UNICEF read a statement on behalf of the Coordinating Committee for Independent Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations (CCISUA).

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on that day, Monday, 10 November, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ronald Elkhuizen (Netherlands), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission

The Officer-in-Charge for the Policy Coordination Unit of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/378).

The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was contained in document A/58/7/Add.2.

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
Seventy-ninth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Thursday, 6 November 2003

2163rd–2164th meetings (closed)

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on the fourth periodic report of Sri Lanka.

Friday, 7 November 2003

2165th meeting

The Committee concluded the work of its seventy-ninth session.

Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Committee against Torture
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Monday, 10 November 2003

574th meeting

Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General [1]

The thirty-first session of the Committee was opened by the representative of the Secretary General, Ms. Jane Connors, who made a statement.

Solemn declaration by the newly elected member of the Committee [2]

The new member of the Committee, Mr. Claudio Grossman, made a solemn declaration before the Committee.

Adoption of the agenda [4]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document CAT/C/76.

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [6]

The Committee considered the item.

Organizational and other matters [5]

The Committee considered the item.

Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention [8]

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [9]

The Committee began its consideration of information received under articles 20 and 22 of the Convention in closed session.

Election of a vice-chairperson of the Committee [3]

The Committee elected Mr. Claudio Grossman as Vice-Chairman.

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [7]

The Committee announced that it would examine during the session the initial or periodic reports submitted by Colombia, Morocco, Latvia, Lithuania, Yemen and Cameroon.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Monday, 10 November 2003

1st meeting

The thirty-first session of the Committee was declared open by Mr. Alessio Bruni, Chief of the Treaty Implementation Unit, on behalf of the Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda, as contained in document E/C.12/2003/5.

Organization of work [2]

The Committee discussed and adopted its programme of work (E/C.12/2003/L.2).

The Committee heard statements by the representatives of UNESCO and FAO.

2nd meeting

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee held hearings of non-governmental organizations with respect to the reports scheduled for consideration at the current session.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Signature: China (10 November 2003)

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047, fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements

Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on the United Nations Standby Arrangements System (UNSAS) with the Permanent Representative of Guatemala

The Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Mr. Jean-Marie Guehenno, will sign the Memorandum of Understanding on the United Nations Standby Arrangements System (UNSAS) with the Permanent Representative of Guatemala, H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal, on Wednesday, 12 November 2003, at 12.30 p.m. in Room S-3727A.

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the DPI/NGO briefing will be a DPI/NGO Communications Workshop on "United Nations and Civil Society: Communications Issues"; to be held on Thursday, 13 November 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

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